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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Armed Services Committee Testimony

On March 8, at the direction of General Kulpa, I called Mr. Slatinshek, Chief Counsel to the House Armed Services Committee about the prospect of negotiating Mrs. Schroeder's questions to Dr. McLucas out of the February 19 HASC testimony. I explained to Mr. Slatinshek the dilemma we were in and asked him if he agreed that Mrs. Schroeder's questions could be potentially construed as an official disclosure. He agreed that this might be a possibility and agreed to speak to Mrs. Schroeder about our problem. I told him that we would abide by his judgement and her desires. Later, Mr. Slatinshek called to say that Mrs. Schroeder had reluctantly agreed to the deletion of her questions from the open record. We then passed this information to Captain Carlton, SAFLL, Colonel Usher and Colonel Kutyna.

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under consideration.

Mrs. Schroeder. Somebody, somewhere, I guess got hysterical, and our local paper picked it up.

Maybe you cannot answer my question in open session, I am not sure.

Does the Air Force have [reconnaissance satellites] under your --

Secretary McLucas. As you said in the beginning.

Mrs. Schroeder. I will hold those questions.

On page 7 the General said one of the reasons he is for the manned bomber is for its reconnaissance. Sometime in closed session I would like a [comparison of the satellite reconnaissance and manned bomber reconnaissance,] because I think that could help us.

General Brown. Perhaps I can help you now.

In a manned bomber it is not that it takes a picture, returns, it is processed on the ground, so on, it is that he observes what he ~~does~~ accomplishes and gets on the radio and reports. ~~and we know~~

Mrs. Schroeder. Part of it is a damage-type of assessment, reconnaissance?

General Brown. Exactly.

Mrs. Schroeder. You mentioned three bases that have been closed or cut back, in Japan, Okinawa and Korea. Were any of those bases providing any air [illegible]